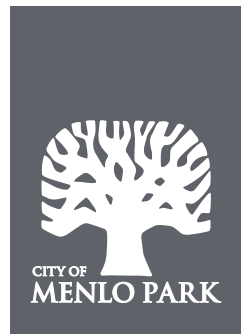


# ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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### UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENT

**Saturday, May 11**  
**8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Location to be announced upon appointment confirmation. Space is limited and appointments are required in advance.

Acceptable HHW items include acids/bases, aerosol cans, automotive supplies (car batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, break fluids), cleaning products, fertilizers, pesticides, flammable liquids, fluorescent lights (compact and tubes), paints, inks and photo chemicals. Radioactive, explosive, medical and commercial waste is prohibited.

Schedule an appointment online by visiting [smchealth.org/hhw](https://smchealth.org/hhw) or call 650-372-6200.

### NATURAL HABITAT WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 20**  
**4 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Online Zoom Workshop**

In this Zoom workshop, learn how to design and maintain your landscape to support pollinators and the local ecosystem while reducing your water use with drought tolerant plants. This class will focus on selecting plants for water conservation and habitat creation.

Please visit [bawasca.org/conserves/programs/events](https://bawasca.org/conserves/programs/events) to register for this class and more just like it!

Space is limited. The Zoom link will be sent to everyone registered a few weeks prior to the workshop date.

Please contact [mmkamelamela@menlopark.gov](mailto:mmkamelamela@menlopark.gov) with any questions regarding this workshop.

### GET READY! ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWERS ARE REQUIRED STARTING JULY 1

On July 11, 2023 the City Council adopted a zero-emission landscape equipment (ZELE) requirement that prohibits using gas powered landscaping equipment due to its negative impacts on health, and noise and air pollution, starting with gas powered leaf blowers and weed whackers (string trimmers) on July 1, 2024. Electric alternatives are available to help you or your professional landscaper begin phasing out gas-powered equipment now.

For more information about these new rules, please visit the City's webpage at [menlopark.gov/zele](https://menlopark.gov/zele).



### LOVE OUR EARTH FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 13**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Bloomhouse**  
**2555 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto**

Don't miss the 3rd annual LOVE OUR EARTH FESTIVAL, where you'll learn how to Go Electric to Build Healthy and Resilient Communities, from people who know and who've done it. This free, educational and fun event will be family-friendly and outdoors. You can look forward to art, storytimes, reptile shows, as well as vegan-cooking demos and delicious lunch options at the Plant-Based Market.

The 2024 LOVE OUR EARTH FESTIVAL is brought to you by the Cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, Peninsula Clean Energy, 350 Silicon Valley, Acterra and Menlo Spark; register at [tinyurl.com/LOE2024](https://tinyurl.com/LOE2024) for this free event.

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### POPULAR SHREDDING EVENT IS BACK

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**City Corporation Yard**  
**333 Burgess Ave.**

Did you file your taxes and need those confidential documents shredded? Do you have piles of office paperwork lying around from working at home? If you answered “Yes” to these questions, you’re in luck!

Residents and businesses can prevent identity theft by shredding sensitive documents at the City’s popular free shredding event. Confidential document destruction includes items such as checks, pre-approved credit applications, credit card statements, outdated tax returns, pre-printed envelopes, return address labels and business cards. Participants are limited to three boxes (10” x 12” x 15”) per vehicle and materials will be shredded on-site. Documents with paper clips and staples are acceptable.

Do not bring any e-waste or household hazardous waste materials.

Please follow these guidelines for smoother drop-off service:

- Please label “Shred only” on any shredding materials and leave them in the trunk.
- It is recommended to remove all other personal items from the trunk to avoid any accidents.
- Residents will open their trucks prior to driving up to the vendors, remain in their vehicles with their face masks on, and the vendors will pick up the shredding materials from the trunks.

For more information, please email [jpchen@menlopark.gov](mailto:jpchen@menlopark.gov) or visit the citywide calendar at [menlopark.gov/citywide-calendar](http://menlopark.gov/citywide-calendar).



### RACHIO SMART SPRINKLER CONTROLLER SALE

Menlo Park Municipal Water (MPMW) partners with Rachio Inc. and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency to offer its customers an instant rebate when purchasing a Rachio Smart Sprinkler Controller system. The controllers allow users to tailor their watering schedules, make automatic weather adjustments and manage watering from anywhere with their smartphone.

From March 19 to March 26, Rachio is offering discounted prices on all of their Smart Sprinkler Controllers. This sale is eligible to be combined with Menlo Park Municipal Water’s (MPMW) rebate program, which results in huge savings for MPMW customers. Rachio 4-zone controllers will go from \$149.99 to \$45.00 with this sale and the 8-zone and 16-zone controllers will go from \$199.99- \$249.99 to \$85.00 each.

To receive the discount, complete your purchase through [bawsca.rachio.com](http://bawsca.rachio.com) and enter your information including your MPMW account number.

If you are a Calwater customer, you may also be eligible to receive a rebate for purchasing a smart irrigation controller. Visit [calwater.com/rebates](http://calwater.com/rebates) to learn more.

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### GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

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- Visit [Recology.com](http://Recology.com)
- Call 650-595-3900